

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, do you wish to speak on the motion to bracket, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, Mr. Speaker, I would just like to speak in favor of the motion to bracket and I have nothing lengthy of profound to say except that I think the very best shot for the Commonwealth depositors depends on other things being given their shot and anything that facilitates a fair settlement for the depositors is what I think I want to see and I think what a majority of this Legislature would want to see and I don't want anything procedural to get in the way. I don't want any hard feelings to get in the way. I don't want any irrational things to get in the way. I want it dealt with with fairness and with objectivity and with sensitivity and if this helps it, then I would be in favor of the motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labedz. Senator Barrett is next.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, stand in support of the bracketing motion. Senator Hoagland mentioned that Senator DeCamp says it was a deal. In the last four or five days and most of last week more deals were made on the three commissions and Senator Hoagland was involved in that plus the homemakers, displaced homemakers, and the intercollegiate athletics. I've seen more deals on the floor of this Legislature in the last week and why we should all of a sudden say this is a deal, we've been dealing for at least ten days. I think it's a good idea. There are people that support the video lottery and it's a source of revenue and if revenue helps pay off the Commonwealth depositors, so be it. If you recall, when I tried to put the video machines in LB 408 one of the first things I said as I stood up by this microphone, I wonder how many of you would vote on LB 4'8 if I put an amendment up there to the video machines and said that the revenue from the video machines would go to pay off Commonwealth and I even suggested at that time that we pay them off 100 percent with the video machine revenue. I don't think that's so bad. I think the people in many of our districts are complaining that they don't want sales and income tax to pay off Commonwealth. This is one way we can say the people will voluntarily pay off Commonwealth. So if a deal is made, it's only what we were doing all last week when we, and I voted for the commissions every time it came up on the